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Applicant(s) : Christopher Marshall et al.
 Serial No. : 09/837,235 Art Unit: 1652
 Filed : April 18, 2001 Examiner: Tekchand Saidba
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Commissioner for Patents
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Amendment In Reply to the August 7, 2003 Office Action
 and Petition for a Three-Month Extension of Time

Dear Sir:

This response is submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on August 7, 2003, in the above-referenced patent application. A reply was due November 7, 2003. Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time, until February 7, 2004. The fee for a small entity for a three-month extension of time is \$475.00 and authorization is hereby given to deduct this amount from Deposit Account No. 08-0219.

This response contains the following:

Listing and Status of the Claims, beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, beginning on page 4 of this paper.

It is respectfully requested that this amendment be entered and considered by the Examiner.

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CONCLUSION:

Applicants respectfully submit that the application and claims are now in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes that further discussion would be helpful, he is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at (212) 937-7233 and is assured of full cooperation to advance the application to allowance.

Should an extension of time be required to make the filing of this response timely in the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, the Commissioner is respectfully requested to grant any such Petition for an Extension of Time that is required for the timely filing of this response and is hereby authorized to charge any fee(s) for such a Petition for an Extension of Time that may be necessary in this application to Deposit Account No. 08-0219, Order No. 289550-122US1.

In addition, should any fees, or additional fees, be deemed to be properly assessable during the pendency of this application, or for the timely consideration of this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any such additional fee(s), or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 08-0219, Order No. 289550-122US1).

Respectfully submitted,

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